

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JANUARY 10, 2018
REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: David Andrade, Nelson Almeida, David Viera,
Michelle Hines, David Parker

Town Administrator Shawn E. Cadime attending a meeting out of town – expected later.

Chairman Andrade opened the meeting at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

He announced that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20f, any person recording the meeting must notify the Chairman. The Board of Selectmen is recording via audio and visual.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS UPDATE

Mr. Almeida announced that volunteers are needed on the Charter Study Committee (2 Board of Selectmen appointments), Conservation Commission (2 BOS), Energy Committee (2 BOS), Finance Committee (2 Moderator), Historical Commission (1 BOS), Property Tax Work-Off Committee (3 BOS), and Zoning Board of Appeals (1 BOS).

COMMUNITY SPEAKS – None.

PRIORITY MATTERS

Vote to Continue to Endorse Save-A-Pet Society

President Patricia Cloutier was in attendance to request Board endorsement of the Save-A-Pet Auction scheduled for April 10, 11, and 12, 2018.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To endorse the Save-A-Pet Auction.

Vote to Allow the Town Administrator to Accept Gifts, Monetary and Tangible, Donated by Save-A-Pet Society to the Seekonk Animal Shelter during the Year 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept gifts, monetary and tangible, donated by Save-A-Pet to the Seekonk Animal Shelter during the year 2018.

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Consider Accepting a Donation to the Animal Shelter in Memory of Clara Palmer

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the donation to the animal shelter in memory of Clara Palmer.

Consider Accepting Various Donations to the Animal Shelter in the Amount of \$1,656.00

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept various donations to the animal shelter in the amount of \$1,656.

Consider Accepting a Donation from Infinite Inc. in the Amount of \$1,500 to Human Services

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept a donation from Infinite Inc. to Human Services in the amount of \$1,500.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Consider the Request for a New Annual All Alcohol Liquor License for Finest Seafood Market & Grille Restaurant, Inc. to be located at 21 Central Avenue, Seekonk, MA, Peter Lombardi, Jr., Owner and Manager (Continued from December 27, 2017)

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To open the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Lombardi was in attendance. He advised that, although this is an all alcohol license, he will only be serving beer and wine in accordance with his lease.

A motion was made by Mr. Almeida, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To close the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the all alcohol license for Finest Seafood Market & Grille Restaurant, Inc., located at 21 Central Avenue, Seekonk, MA, Peter Lombardi, Jr., Owner and Manager.

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Consider the Change of an Existing Seasonal Wine and Malt Beverages License to a New Annual Wine and Malt Beverages Liquor License for JCM Petroleum, Inc., d/b/a Crossroads Auto Center, 822 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA., Jean-Claude Massad, Owner and Manager

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To open the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Mr. Patel of Rochelle Food Mart inquired if the seasonal license and/or an all annual beer and wine license for package store would be available.

Mr. Parker advised that the seasonal licenses are gone. With the approval of this license, no more package store licenses are available.

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To close the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the change of an existing seasonal wine and malt beverages license to a new annual wine and malt beverages liquor license for JCM Petroleum, Inc., d/b/a Crossroads Auto Center, 822 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA, Jean Claude Massad, Owner and Manager.

Prior to the vote, Ms. Hines said they have no information from the applicant.

Mr. Massad was in attendance. He said he has been in Seekonk for 9 years. He has four businesses in town. He has been waiting four years for an annual license.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Board of Library Trustees and the Board of Selectmen for the Veterans Memorial Park

To be taken out of order when Mr. Cadime arrives.

Later on, a motion was made by Mr. Almeida, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To indefinitely postpone discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Library Trustees and Board of Selectmen for the Veterans Memorial Park.

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NEW BUSINESS

Discussion with the Economic Development Committee Regarding Redevelopment Strategies for 800 Fall River Avenue

Chairman of the Economic Development Committee John Macek and Director of Planning John Aubin were in attendance.

Mr. Aubin said the proposal at town meeting to rezone the Showcase Cinema site was denied. There were follow up discussions with the Economic Development Committee and the Planning Board. He asked Board members if it should be brought forward again. He felt the rezone could have been presented differently. The split zone parcel is a hindrance to the development of that property. That piece is environmentally challenged.

Chairman Andrade said the benefits of the rezone should be presented to residents.

Ms. Hines said people want to know what is going in that area.

Mr. Aubin said it has been commercial property for years.

Ms. Hines said the comments made about used car dealers were an insult to the used car dealers in town.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS

Board members responded to questions from a resident who asked about the election process and information on candidates.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Veterans Memorial Committee Liaison Report

No information until spring.

He wanted to send letters of condolence to the families of John DePietro and Tony Caputo who passed away recently.

Ms. Hine announced the 22nd Annual Taste of the Town sponsored by the Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, March 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Grand Rose Ballroom of the Clarion Inn. Tickets at \$30 per person are available from any Kiwanis Club member and the senior center.

Mr. Almeida extended best wishes for a Happy New Year.

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Mr. Viera said he will host coffee hours from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, at the Dunkin Donuts on Rte. 44 and Wednesday, January 31, at the Honey Dew on Central Avenue to talk about resident concerns. He will continue on off-meeting Wednesdays.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To dissolve at 7:45 p.m.

The vote: Mr. Parker – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Ms. Hines – Aye; Chairman Andrade – Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

David Viera, Clerk

Prepared by:

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

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Items Distributed at the January 10, 2018 Board of Selectmen Meeting

List of donations to animal shelter

Documentation for new alcohol liquor license for Finest Seafood Market and Grille Restaurant

Documentation for change of an existing season wines and malt to annual wine and malt for Crossroads Auto Center

Memorandum of Understanding – Library and Board of Selectmen for the Veterans Memorial Park